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Mrs. Ann Mills Griffiths
National League of Families
of American Prisoners and
Missing in Southeast Asia
6575 Christine Circle
Buena Park, CA 90620

Dear Mrs. Griffiths:

The invitation to address the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia does me great honor, and it is with sincere regret that I have to decline because of commitments already made for July 24. I know that the President is determined to pursue all effective means at our disposal to bring about the accounting to which the families are entitled.

With thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

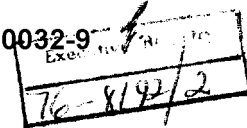
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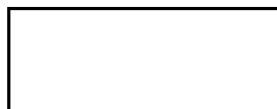
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Andrew T. Falkiewicz
Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : POW/MIA Families - Speaking Opportunity

I agree with Mr. Thuermer's recommendation; further, I should think you would not want anyone from here addressing the topic suggested in the invitation.

Should you decide to use the second sentence of the attached draft, we will run it through the White House, if you wish.



Andrew T. Falkiewicz

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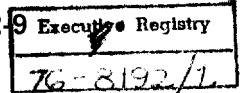
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM : Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

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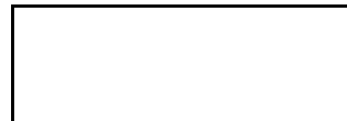
The National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia has invited the Director to be a guest banquet speaker Saturday evening, July 24.

My gut feeling is the Director should stay away from this one.

The program chairman asks for the Director's "thoughts on dealing with the Communist governments in Asia and South-east Asia". This injects us into an area of emotion and policy which, I think, we can well avoid.

Furthermore, there is reference in the chairman's letter to political considerations involving President Ford and Mr. Reagan.

I do not think this is a winner.



Angus MacLean Thuermer

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Mr. Bush will be in San Francisco that weekend.

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